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SUBJ: UN BUDGET - COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION

ACC REPORTS

1. AT MORNING MEETING JUNE 9 THE 17TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC) COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC) FOR 1976/77 (E/5973) AND THE ACC REPORT ON PRIOR CONSULTATIONS ON PROGRAM DOCUMENTS (E/AC.51/85). THE ACC REPORT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS POSTPONED. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

2. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE LACK OF A SATISFACTORY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR THEIR ACTIVITIES. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE MEANINGFUL INSTEAD TO REVIEW ACC REPORTS ON THE WAY SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE HANDLED BY THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. SUGGESTED SUBJECTS INCLUDED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND USES OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

3. THERE WERE MANY DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE MODALITIES OF THE TASK FORCE ON DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

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PROPOSED BY THE ACC (PARAS 7 AND 8 OF E/5973). IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED TASK FORCE COVERED AN IMPORTANT AREA THAT ACC SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH ALL ALONG, BUT THE ACTUAL MANDATE AND RELATIONSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE TO THE CPC AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES REMAIN UNCERTAIN.

4. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION

FROM THE ACC REGARDING OBSTACLES TO HARMONIZATION OF PROGRAM  
BUDGET PRESENTATION AND COMMON EVALUATION TECHNIQUES  
AND STANDARDS.

5. DRAWING ON E/5973 AND E/AC.51/55, THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT  
PRIOR CONSULTATIONS ARE ONLY ONE VEHICLE FOR IMPROVED  
COORDINATION AND THAT THERE ARE INHERENT LIMITATIONS ON ITS  
USEFULNESS. DESPITE THIS, HOWEVER, IT WAS NOTED ALSO THAT  
PROGRESS IN PRIOR CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

6. THE COMMITTEE INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
AND COMPUTER USE IN THE UN FAMILY, BUT AGREED TO DELAY FURTHER  
CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE AWAITING THE ACABQ STUDY CALLED FOR  
IN UNGA RESOLUTION 31/94.

7. THE COMMITTEE GOT INTO A LENGTHY AND USEFUL DISCUSSION  
REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE ACC AND ITS NUMEROUS SUB-BODIES.  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS INDICATED THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS  
OF THE ACC. THE UN AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES STRESSED  
THE NECESSITY OF THE ACC FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW. THE WORLD BANK  
REPRESENTATIVE WAS ESPECIALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE VALUE AND  
IMPORTANCE OF ACC EFFORTS FOR SYSTEM-WIDE COORDINATION.

8. THE COMMITTEE QUICKLY AGREED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE  
EARLY JULY JOINT MEETING OF THE CPC AND ACC SHOULD INCLUDE  
CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR ACC  
REPORTS ON SYSTEM-WIDE ISSUES TO REPLACE  
INDIVIDUAL AGENCY REPORTS (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE)  
AND THE PROPOSED TASK FORCE ON DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES  
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(SEE PARA 3 ABOVE).  
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